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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING THE EFFECT OF BLEED-THROUGH ON CAPTURED IMAGES

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1. Specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application having 20 pages.

2. 4 sheet(s) of drawing(s) (      formal /  informal) comprising Figures 1 through 4.

3. Declaration and executed Power of Attorney's ( signed       unsigned).

      3A. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.53(d).

      4. Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 and references.

      5. This is a:       Continuation-In-Part;       Divisional;       Continuation;       substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Application Serial No.       filed      ;       reissue of U.S. Patent No.       filed on      .

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(a)  is concurrently being filed in that prior Application,  
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(c)  is not necessary for copendency.

6. Attached is an assignment **Applied Science Fiction**. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

7. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on filing in United States.

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